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Transportation Update

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Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans Adopted

At its October meeting, the CMA adopted the update to the Countywide Bicycle Plan and the first ever, Countywide Strategic Pedestrian Plan. The Bicycle Plan was prepared by the CMA and the Pedestrian Plan was prepared by the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). ACTIA adopted the Pedestrian Plan in September and the Bicycle Plan in October.

These plans work together to chart a course for improved bicycle and pedestrian safety and access throughout the County. These Plans establish a 25-year vision for bicycle and pedestrian improvements in Alameda County. The bicycle plan identifies high priority projects. The pedestrian plan identifies areas where discretionary funding will be focused in the near term.

The Plans are being finalized and will be available on the web by the end of the year. The updated Countywide Bicycle Plan can be accessed on the CMA's website at www.accma.ca.gov and the Countywide Strategic Pedestrian Plan and Toolkit can be accessed on ACTIA's website at www.actia2022.com.

State Infrastructure Bond Update

As outlined in past newsletters, the Legislature and the Governor have placed four infrastructure improvement bond measures on the November ballot. The \$20 billion transportation bond includes several competitive programs. One of those programs, the \$4.5 billion Corridor Mobility program, has a very tight schedule. The law requires the California

Transportation Commission to adopt guidelines by December 1, 2006; regional agencies and Caltrans have until January 15, 2007 to submit candidate projects; and the CTC must adopt an initial program by March 1, 2007.

The CTC has revised its draft guidelines for the Corridor Mobility program based on comments received. Final guidelines will be adopted at its November 8/9 meeting, if the bonds are approved by the voters. Based on the draft guidelines, the CMA Board adopted a process for selecting candidate Alameda County projects. This process includes a financially constrained list of projects ranked in order of priority in accordance with the CTC guidelines.

Projects will be placed in two tiers – Tier 1 being the most competitive projects with the highest ranking. The second tier will include a contingency list of projects for MTC and the CTC to consider should additional funds become available or other projects fail to meet deadlines. Projects will be ranked by the level of congestion in the corridor, the benefit-cost ratio of the specific improvement, readiness and other factors.

Projects must be submitted from each county to MTC by December 1st; MTC will then develop a regional list to be submitted to the CTC.

Improvements to Begin on I-580 in the Livermore Valley

The CMA has awarded a \$4.4 million construction contract for the first phase of improvements in the I-580 corridor, the second most congested freeway segment in the Bay Area. This initial project will enable Caltrans, the CMA and local

agencies to manage construction impacts and incidents and to provide real-time traffic information before, during and after the construction of the carpool lane.

A key component of the project is transit priority on selected arterials in the Livermore Valley, which will provide Wheels with a network of connected traffic signals for express bus routes connecting the downtown Livermore Transit Center with the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station.

The project also includes the collection and dissemination of regional traffic information from I-580, I-680, Route 84 and key arterial routes using a mix of technologies, including closed circuit TV cameras, changeable message boards, highway advisory radio, and microwave sensors to report speed and traffic volume data. In addition, freeway ramp metering equipment will be provided throughout the corridor to give local jurisdictions and Caltrans the capability of metering traffic flow to I-580 during peak congestion periods.

This project will be complete, tested and functional before construction of the eastbound I-580 carpool lane begins in late 2007.

Deadlines to Note

State Infrastructure Bonds: Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) -- \$4.5 billion statewide

Action by voters.....November 7, 2006
CTC adopts guidelines.....November 9, 2006
CMA adopts Alameda list...November 30, 2006
Project lists due to MTC.....December 1, 2006
Caltrans/regions submittals...January 15, 2007
CTC adopts program.....February 28, 2007

Combined Measure B Bicycle-Pedestrian Program, Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Program & TFCA Eligible Projects (\$9 million)
Call for Projects.....October 30, 2006
Application Workshop.....November 6, 2006
Project Submittals Due.....December 15, 2006
Draft Program.....February 22, 2007
Final Program.....March 22, 2007

Upcoming Meetings

November 7 CMA Technical Advisory Committee
8/9 CTC (Amador County)
13 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
13 CMA Plans & Programs Committee
16 CMA Technical Advisory Committee (Special CMIA Meeting)
16 Infrastructure Bond Working Group
30 CMA Board Meeting

December 5 CMA Technical Advisory Committee
11 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
11 CMA Plans & Programs Committee
11 Central County Freeway Study Policy Advisory Committee
13/14 CTC (San Francisco)
tbd I-680 Smart Lane JPA
21 CMA Board Meeting

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